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AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM
And
FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 319
NONPOINT SOURCE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM

SOLICITATION NOTICE

September 8, 2004



The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Division of Financial Assistance (Division) is accepting applications for the Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program (AWQGP) and Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319 Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant Program (Section 319).¹

The AWQGP provides grants for projects that define, reduce, or eliminate the discharge of polluted runoff from irrigated agricultural lands. Applicants with projects that address Nonpoint Source Pollution from sources other than irrigated agriculture are invited to apply for Section 319 grant funds.

All applicants requesting AWQGP and Section 319 funds must submit a complete electronic application using the SWRCB's online Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST), located at the following website: <https://faast.swrcb.ca.gov/>. The FAAST program will be available for use by Monday September 13, 2004.

A complete application must be prepared in accordance with the AWQGP Guidelines and contain all items on the Application Package Checklist on Page 2 of this Solicitation Notice.

All complete electronic application submittals are due by 5:00 p.m. on November 10, 2004.

The AWQGP Guidelines and other detailed application information are located on the following AWQGP website:

<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/awqgp/index.html>

To be considered complete, the submitted applications must include all of the items in the checklist on Page 2 of this Notice. It is suggested that applicants use this checklist to verify all required information is submitted using the FAAST program.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to work with their Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) grant coordinators, as identified in Appendix C of the AWQGP Guidelines, on the development of their project proposal. The SWRCB and RWQCB staff will be facilitating AWQGP Application Preparation Workshops. Once established, dates, times and locations of proposed workshops will be listed on the AWQGP web site.

All applications will be reviewed based on the technical merit of the proposed project and consistency with the AWQGP Guidelines criteria. For further assistance, please contact Mr. Robert Been of the Division at (916) 341-5641 or beenr@swrcb.ca.gov.

¹ The SWRCB anticipates awarding the funds in several phases corresponding to availability of funds, staff, and proposed project schedules. The SWRCB reserves the right to reduce requested grant amounts or retain a portion of grant funds for future allocation, as necessary, based on the technical review of the submitted proposals.

Application Package Checklist

Within the FAAST Program, the following SECTIONS must be completed and submitted:

<input type="checkbox"/>	General Information	(For the project location information requested in this section, specify the latitude and longitude values that are representative of the project. For large areas of land, specify the mid-point of the area. For a waterbody, specify the mid-point of the waterbody stretch.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Funding Programs	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legislative Information	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency Contacts	This section must include all agency contacts (RWQCB, USEPA, etc.) that assisted in the development of the project proposal.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooperating Entities	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Questionnaire	The questions in this section refer to the AWQGP funding requirements. Please refer to the AWQGP guidelines when completing this questionnaire.
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Attachments		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment A: Project Proposal – A. Project Title and Summary B. Water Quality Protection C. Environmental Compliance D. Project Description E. Work to Be Performed F. Project Effectiveness G. Submittal List and Schedule H. Education, Outreach, etc. ² I. Costs and Financial Feasibility J. Readiness to Proceed K. Qualifications of Applicants, etc. L. Disadvantaged Community ³	Suggested Length: 1 page 1-2 pages <1 page 2-3 pages 1-2 pages 1-2 pages 1 page 1 page <1 page <1 page <1 page <1 page Max. 12 Pages
		The Project Proposal, <u>must</u> conform to the following formatting requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A maximum of 12 pages in length (not including the additional attachments); Letter (8.5” x 11”) size paper; Single-spaced or wider; Times New Roman font - Size 11 or larger; and 1-inch margins. Additionally, the Project Proposal must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have subheadings corresponding to each of the proposal subsections, Subsections A through L, as specified in the Section IV of the AWQGP Guidelines, Provide all information required in the Guidelines, and Stand on its own merit and without referring to appendices as the primary source of information.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment B: Project Budget Form	All budget and task information must be provided on the SWRCB Budget Form at: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/awqgp/index.html
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment C: Project Classification Survey	The SWRCB Project Classification Survey is located at the following website: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/awqgp/index.html Please contact your RWQCB grant coordinator (as identified in Appendix C of the AWQGP Guidelines) or Mr. Steven Rodriguez of the Division at (916) 324-9924 or rodrs@swrcb.ca.gov , if you need assistance in completing this survey.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment D: List of Appendices	This is an enumerated index of all appendices that are submitted with and supplement the project proposal. Appendix attachments are Attachment E, Attachment F, etc. and shall include all documents to support the project proposal.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment E, Attachment F, etc. Appendices	As many as required by applicant to support the proposed project, but this is supplemental information only. ⁴

² The Education, Outreach, Community Involvement, and Acceptance Section of the Project Proposal is not required for Monitoring Projects as noted in the Section IV introduction of the Guidelines.

³ The Disadvantaged Community Section of the Project Proposal only needs to be addressed when applicable.

⁴ FAAST has a 10 MB file size limitation for attachments. If your file attachments exceed the 10 MB limitation and you have maximized the number of files that can be stored on FAAST, an electronic copy of the files may be submitted by email to AWQGP@swrcb.ca.gov or a CD-ROM by mail to: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance, AWQGP Manager, 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 by the submittal deadline specified in this Notice.

Summary of AWQGP and Section 319 Program Requirements

Requirement	Implementation Projects	Monitoring Projects	Comments
Funding Source	Proposition 50 & CWA Section 319	Proposition 40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWRCB staff will determine funding source for Implementation Projects.
Grant Maximum	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant amounts may be reduced based on the technical review of the submitted proposals.
Matching Funds	20% of the total project cost	50% of the total project cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private, local, or Federal funds only. State agencies may use State funds or services for match. • In-kind services are acceptable. • Match may be waived for a disadvantaged community.
Eligible Applicants	Public Agencies & Nonprofit Organizations	Public Agencies & Nonprofit Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants that are not public entities must verify that they are a non-profit organization if their project is selected for funding.
Project Type	Reduce or eliminate discharge of polluted runoff from irrigated agricultural lands. Projects addressing other sources are also eligible for Section 319 funds	Define and identify the source of water quality problems related to discharges from irrigated agricultural lands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$29.5 million in Proposition 50 funds are available for irrigated agricultural Implementation Projects. • Approximately \$5.5 million of CWA Section 319 funds are available for nonpoint source Implementation Projects. • \$11.4 million in Proposition 40 funds are available for irrigated agricultural Project Planning Monitoring Projects.
Compliance with Labor Code Provisions	Required	Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All public works projects that hire labor performed under contract must not pay less than the general prevailing rate to those workers (required by Labor Code section 1771) • For public works projects funded by Proposition 50, the body awarding a contract must adopt and enforce a labor compliance program (required by Labor Code section 1771.8) to ensure the payment of prevailing wage.
California Bay Delta Authority (CALFED) Record of Decision (ROD) Consistency	Required for projects within the CALFED solution area that are funded by Proposition 50	Not required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of agricultural management practices was adopted as a mitigation measure in the CALFED Record of Decision (ROD). See Attachment 1.VI Section 5.3 of the CALFED Programmatic ROD (Page 140 of 846). • Applicants do not need to document this requirement. CALFED staff will verify this requirement during review of applicable project proposals.
Watershed-Based Plans	Required	Not required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RWQCB staff will verify consistency with watershed-based plans during review of applicable project proposals.
Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) Implementation	Required	Not required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing TMDLs (existing or under development) is a requirement for Section 319 projects. RWQCB staff will verify consistency with identified TMDLs during review of applicable project proposals.
Project Assessment & Evaluation Plan (PAEP)	Required	Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal must include a task to develop a PAEP. • In “Project Effectiveness” of the proposal describe how project effectiveness will be demonstrated and reported, consistent with the PAEP. Identify relevant parameters, such as number of BMPs installed, pollution load reductions achieved, number of participating growers, acres of land treated, etc. • Implementation projects that are designed to achieve pollution load and/or concentration reductions must report annual pollutant load reductions based either on monitoring or estimations.

Summary of AWQGP and Section 319 Program Requirements, continued

Water Quality Monitoring Plan	Required if there is a monitoring component	Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants may use an existing monitoring plan, if applicable.• Proposal should include a task to develop a monitoring plan, if there is not an existing plan.• Include plan development in “Project Description” and in the Project Budget Form.
Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP)	Required if there is a monitoring component	Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The QAPP must be consistent with the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP), see http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/swamp/ for more information.• Can use an existing QAPP, if applicable.• Include plan development in “Project Description” and in the Project Budget Form.